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In re the Application of:

**MARTINEZ et al.**

**Serial No.: 10/066,504**

Filed: January 30, 2002

For: DISTAL FILTRATION DEVICES AND  
METHODS OF USE DURING AORTIC  
PROCEDURES

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Sarah L. Webb

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004. Please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

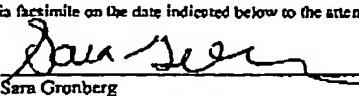
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